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Emergency and Remedial Response Division
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Attention: Ms. Janet Conetta
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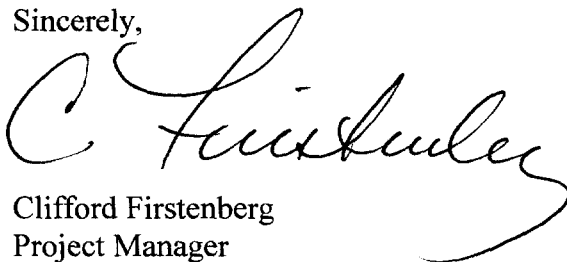
Subject: Monthly Progress Report No. 76
Passaic River Study Area

Dear Ms. Conetta:

Submitted herewith are two (2) copies of Monthly Progress Report No. 76 for work performed during July 2000 at the Passaic River Study Area. This progress report has been prepared pursuant to Section X, Paragraph 64 of the Administrative Order of Consent between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Occidental Chemical Corporation, Index No. II-CERCLA-0117.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (732) 246-5851.

Sincerely,



Clifford Firstenberg
Project Manager
On behalf of Occidental Chemical Corporation
(as successor to Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company)

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- 2c: Section Chief
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- A. Actions Taken Toward Achieving Compliance with the Order
1. Risk Assessment Kickoff Meeting with EPA and NJDEP on July 19, 2000.
 2. Implement risk assessment according to RAGS Part D.
 3. Implement the protocol for evaluation of the potential use of the STUDH-2000 beta model for the Passaic River Study Area.
- B. Actual or Potential Violations and Other Problems Encountered:
1. None.
- C. Corrective Actions:
1. None.
- D. Validated Sampling or Testing Results Received or Generated During the Course of Implementing the Work:
1. None.
- E. Future Plans, Actions and Data Scheduled for August and September 2000:
1. Implement the protocol for evaluation of the potential use of the STUDH-2000 beta model for the Passaic River Study Area.
 2. Develop risk assessment according to RAGS Part D.
 3. Submit Fifth (final) Incremental Submittal of Draft Validated Data.
 4. Validation of Spring ESP data.
 5. Meetings with treatment technology vendors.

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F. Work Completion Estimates:

1. The RIWP is 100% complete.
2. The FSWP is 100% complete.
3. The Graphic Data Representation is 100% complete.
4. The Model Test Case Report is 100% complete.
5. The Screening-Level HERA is 100% complete.
6. The Alternatives Array Document is 35% complete.
7. The Ecological Sampling Plan is 100% complete (i.e., original submittal to EPA).
8. The Calibration and Verification Status Report is 100% complete (i.e., original submittal to EPA)
9. Creel/Angler Survey Work Plan is 100% complete (i.e., original submittal to EPA)

G. Delays Encountered or Anticipated and Mitigation Actions:

1. None.